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Dr. David F. Ruccio is currently Associate Professor of Economics in the Faculty of Economics’ Department of Economics and Policy Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He visited the University of Kentucky in February 2003 to participate in the Spring Seminar and Lecture Series on Globalization sponsored by the UK Committee on Social Theory. His lecture entitled “Globalization and Imperialism” explored the intellectual and material foundations of globalization discourses. In particular, he challenged the “depressing inevitability” of these discourses by connecting their production to specific intellectuals and policy makers and by re-envisioning them through the Marxian concepts of imperialism and the “imperial machine.”

Consistently defying dominant notions of what an economist should be and should study, Ruccio has investigated a multitude of topics that can be broadly gathered under the category of radical political economy. While his earlier writings focused intensely upon the economics of development and underdevelopment, Ruccio has more recently pursued questions of value, subjectivity, and the changing dynamics of class in economic systems raised by postmodernism and poststructuralism. He has also written about the production of economic knowledge both within the field of economics and in its variation across other disciplines. In addition, he continues to be a key figure in the ongoing project to reconceptualize the Marxian tradition and currently edits the